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For: GENERATOR GAS SHIELD AND RELATED METHOD

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of February 26, 2003 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 1-4 directed to a generator shield. The election is made with traverse. Specifically, since the details of the gas shield must be searched in all three Groups of claims, it would appear that all of the claims are best examinable together. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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